

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN MEMORY OF DONALD FLAMINIO

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness on the occasion of the passing of Donald "Flip" Flaminio, who passed away on March 20, 2014. Donald was born in Iron Mountain, Michigan, on August 24, 1930. Flip was a veteran of the United States Navy, and the owner-operator of Quality Cleaners for ten years, he married his wife of 61 years, Zella "Terri" Haggart, in 1953. Flip was a lifelong Iron Mountain resident and enjoyed spending time with his loved ones. He is survived by Terri, and his three daughters.

In this time of sorrow, I am reminded of the quote of philosopher George Santayana, who said, "There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval." I know that Flip lived a life of love and that the cherished memories of his life will never be forgotten by his many friends and family.

On behalf of all residents of the First Congressional District of Michigan, I wish to express my sadness and condolences on Flip's passing. It is my hope that we are able to emulate Flip's good nature and example in how we conduct ourselves with each other. Although Flip is no longer with us in this world, he will remain with us in our hearts, alive and well forever.

IN HONOR OF THE USS "ROBERT G. BRADLEY" UPON ITS DECOMMISSIONING ON MARCH 28, 2014

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the fine Sailors who have served on the USS *Robert G. Bradley* (FFG 49). On March 28, 2014, this magnificent warship will be decommissioned in Mayport, Florida.

The ship and her outstanding crew have served tirelessly to ensure that America remains the preeminent naval power on the globe. The USS *Bradley* has served our Nation for nearly 30 years and has continually lived up to the ship's motto of "Power to Prevail." True to its namesake, Lieutenant Robert G. Bradley—who was awarded the Navy Cross after dying in a heroic effort to save his ship, the USS *Princeton*—the USS *Bradley* and her crew have embodied selfless service, a trait so common in our outstanding men and women in uniform. While the ship may be decommissioned, the friendships and camaraderie this ship established on its decks will last for ages.

It is a pleasure and honor to represent the great men and women who serve in the 4th

District of Florida and to see them successfully complete the mission of the USS *Bradley*. Their hard work reiterates our community's importance as an anchor of national security.

The Sailors of the USS *Bradley* can stand tall in the knowledge that their hard work and dedication has contributed to the most important missions of our Nation's defense and we are grateful for their tireless efforts and sacrifice.

HONORING COLLEGE BOUND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honor College Bound Opportunities (CBO), an extraordinary community organization that is opening doors and broadening opportunities for under-resourced and low-income students in the suburban Chicago district that I represent.

Founded in 2006, CBO started with four outstanding students, growing to nearly 150 today. Each class of students receives mentoring and assistance through test prep classes, professional development and workshops, technology training and financial aid.

CBO provides a one-on-one mentorship program, matching a mentor with a student. For six years, these mentors help guide their students through the college application process, adjustment to college life and even life after graduation. This engaged approach achieves truly remarkable results: 97 percent of CBO scholars graduate from college, compared to 56 percent nationwide and merely 12 percent among low-income students. More than 90 percent of CBO scholars are first-generation college students. At a time when only 11 percent of nationwide first-generation students graduate, CBO is making a real difference.

These statistics speak to the incredible CBO impact in the community and the bright futures its programs are helping make possible. Many of these students would never have the opportunity to apply to college, let alone graduate, without these programs and the generosity of CBO's many dedicated volunteers.

Recently, I joined CBO to welcome a new class of 25 students to the program. In this group I saw inspiring potential and many reasons to be confident for the future. The opportunities CBO makes possible will empower its students, enrich our community and perhaps one day help change the world.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PRESIDENT MARY SUE COLEMAN

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Mary Sue Coleman, the thirteenth President of the University of Michigan, as she retires at the end of June. I've had the distinct honor of working closely with President Coleman since 2002, when she began her hard work on behalf of this fine University, and her spirit and dedication will be missed. She has worked to raise standards, invest in a higher education for our students, and has further elevated the University of Michigan and continued its role among the absolute finest education opportunities in the land. She has ushered in a period of growth, not only across the campus, but also in the hearts and minds of the students she so tirelessly works for. Through her leadership, the University of Michigan and its students have remained "the leaders and best." I thank President Coleman for her years of service and dedication to the people of Michigan. Go Blue!

RECOGNIZING AUBURNDALE CITY HALL

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Auburndale City Hall on the occasion of its addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Designed by Polk County architect Roland Buckley and contractor Paul Smith, the 87-year-old Italian Renaissance-style building has housed the library and Chamber of Commerce, most of the city's departments and even jail cells throughout its existence. It is currently home to the city's Information Technology Office.

Noted for its Romanesque architecture, open arches and ornate masonry work, City Hall is now among four National Historic buildings in Auburndale. It joins the Holland Jenks house, the Baynard House and the Auburndale Citrus Growers Association Packing House. It is the twelfth city hall in Florida to have secured a spot on the Register.

It is a privilege to serve the residents of Auburndale, and I thank them for their tremendous contributions to the Central Florida community.

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IN HONOR OF THE USS "DE WERT"
UPON ITS DECOMMISSIONING ON
APRIL 4, 2014

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the fine Sailors who have served on the USS *De Wert* (FFG 45). On April 4, 2014, this superb warship will be decommissioned in Mayport, Florida.

The ship and her crew have served tirelessly to ensure that America retains its status as the strongest naval power in the world. The Ship is named for Richard De Wert, a Hospitalman who was killed in action while aiding an injured comrade during his service in the marines. Hospitalman De Wert was awarded the Medal of Honor for this amazingly selfless act. Following in the footsteps of this great man, the USS *De Wert* has served our Nation fearlessly for over 30 years.

I am so honored to be able to represent these great men and women who serve in 4th District of Florida and it is a privilege to commend them upon their completion of the mission of the USS *De Wert*. Their hard work illustrates the importance of the First Coast to national defense. While the ship may be decommissioned, I know that the ship's motto of "Daring, Dauntless, Defiant" will remain a guiding force for these Sailors wherever their lives may lead.

The Sailors of the USS *De Wert* can stand tall in the knowledge that their hard work and dedication has contributed to the most important missions of our nation's defense and we are grateful for their tireless efforts and sacrifice.

CELEBRATING MR. RICHARD YOUNG

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Richard Young on his recent retirement from the Crescent City Harbor District. Mr. Young's dedication to the Crescent City Harbor District has never been shaken even as he worked to restore the harbor after repeated disasters.

Mr. Young earned a Ph.D. in economics at the University of California, Santa Barbara and went on to teach in the Naval Postgraduate School. He then worked as a commercial fisherman, owning the vessels *City of Eureka* and *Willola*.

Mr. Young was hired as harbormaster at the Crescent City Harbor District in March 2004. He became known for building relationships with members of the harbor community and with regulatory agencies.

Following the tsunami of 2006, the winter storms of 2008 and a major tsunami that crippled the harbor in 2011, Mr. Young led the district through massive repairs to rebuild the city's vital harbor. This \$54 million effort led to the West Coast's first tsunami-resistant harbor—designed to withstand a 50-year tsunami event. The harbor's design also includes

amenities that residents of California will enjoy for years to come.

Please join me in expressing deep appreciation to Mr. Richard Young for his long and impressive career, and his exceptional record of service.

REMEMBERING MARGARET E. PEACE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life of Margaret E. Peace, of Newton Falls, Ohio, who passed on February 13, 2014. Margaret was born on March 13, 1921 in Greenwood, South Carolina, to Clarence and Lillian McCuen Elledge. On December 5, 1938 she married the love of her life Mr. James Peace and the two were happily married for 74 years before James' tragic passing in June of 2013.

While living in South Carolina, Margaret worked in a cotton mill. Upon moving to Newton Falls, Ohio she began working as a waitress at the Superquick restaurant, and soon became an active member of the Newton Falls First Church of God. Throughout her sixty years of attendance, she was heavily active with singing in the choir, serving as Sunday School teacher, serving as an assistant with the Brownie and Girl Scout groups, sitting member on the church council, an active member on the Women's Missionary Society Board, and she also diligently served as the nursing director for over 45 years.

Not only did Margaret touch the lives of those in the church community, she was incredibly loved by her extensive network of family and friends. She collected hundreds of cookbooks over the course of her life, loved reading her Bible, and found happiness in her flower garden.

Margaret has joined her loving parents, Clarence and Lillian, her tender husband James, her son Freddie, her sister Martha and brother Bill. She will be missed by a countless number of people in the community, and most of all by her two sons, James and Eddie Peace, her daughter Linda Hospodor, her daughter-in-law Kay Peace, and her brother Frank Elledge. Margaret will also be fondly remembered by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Margaret was an extraordinary woman, and she will live on in the hearts and minds of those she has touched. It was an honor to work with her in my district, and I will never forget her boundless kindness and enduring commitment to her community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, March 24, I was unable to be present for two rollcall votes while attending to personal matters in Texas. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Nos. 136 and 137.

RECOGNIZING JOSEPH CARUBBA
AS HE RECEIVES THE ANTHONY
M. CASTIGLIA ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Joseph Carubba, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Carubba Collision, as he receives the prestigious Anthony M. Castiglia Achievement Award from the Italian American Leadership Council of Western New York. As we come together in celebration of St. Joseph's Day, we also celebrate the remarkable contributions Joe has made to our region, through his esteemed business and generous philanthropic efforts.

Joe began his career in the automobile industry in the 1970s, as a part-time employee at his father Anthony Carubba's company. Still a high school student at Williamsville North, Joe learned how to clean cars and sweep floors under his father's tutelage.

After completing his education at Oklahoma A&M and Syracuse University, Joe joined his father's company full-time in 1981. In 1990, Joe's father passed away, and Joe was given the full responsibility of managing the business. At that time, Carubba Collision was a small shop of 5,500 square feet with only 12 employees. Under Joe's direction, Carubba expanded to four offices, a dealer satellite office, and six production facilities, occupying almost 80,000 square feet. The company now employs 130 people and has increased its profitability to 20 times that of its numbers in the 1980s.

Today, Carubba Collision is widely known for its commitment to excellence and customer service. Autochex has awarded Carubba its "Best in Service" award a total of five times, and in 2013, Body Shop Business magazine named Joe Carubba their "Executive of the Year."

The company's dedication to its customers mirrors Joe's commendable civic involvement. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Better Business Bureau, the YMCA Leadership Club, and the Alliance of Automotive Service Providers, among others. Joe has generously supported countless organizations, including the Make A Wish Foundation, Cradle Beach, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Women & Children's Hospital, the Parkinson's Foundation, SUNY at Buffalo, Mercy Flight, the Food Bank of Western New York, and the Buffalo Niagara Victory Scholarship Awards. Perhaps most famously, Carubba Collision has partnered with the Buffalo Sabres to create the Carubba Collision of the Game, a beloved institution among Sabres fans.

A proud family man who grew up in a close-knit Italian-American family, Joe enjoys spending his spare time with his daughters Jackie and Andrea, and his three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Joe Carubba, a civic-minded business owner who exemplifies the American values of hard work and good will. Joe built a business both by and for the local community, and in doing so, turned what was once a small body shop into one of the region's leaders in automobile repair. I congratulate him as he receives the Anthony M. Castiglia Achievement

Award from Italian American Leadership Council of Western New York, and wish him the absolute best in all his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATING HOUSTON
WAGGONER ON HIS 93RD BIRTH-
DAY

HON. VANCE M. McALLISTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. McALLISTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise today to commemorate Mr. Houston Waggoner on the occasion of his 93rd birthday, which he and his loved ones celebrated on March 17.

Mr. Waggoner is a proud WWII Navy Veteran and the father of eight children. He worked for 30 years as a bag plant manager before retiring and starting a small business, Chatham Automotive Parts and Supply in 1972. After owning his own business for 18 years, he retired for a second time in 1990. He now resides in Jackson Parish and enjoys hunting, fishing, and his involvement with the National WWII Museum in New Orleans where he is a member.

Mr. Waggoner exemplifies a strong character of leadership and dedication. As his family and friends continue to celebrate and honor him, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Waggoner a very happy 93rd birthday.

REMEMBERING JOSEPH
CAPOBIANCO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph Capobianco, who passed on Wednesday, January 29th in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 67. Joseph was a dear friend of mine, and I am grateful for his support over the years.

Joseph was born in Gaeta, Italy to his loving parents, the late Luigi and Antonetta Capobianco. He spent his childhood in Italy but immigrated to Boston at the age of 10 to begin a new life in the United States.

Joseph dedicated much of his time to St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church, which he served proudly for many years. During his service he was significantly involved in Cum Christo, the Lay Catholic Renewal Movement, and also spent time performing prison ministry. In addition to serving his church, Joseph found great joy in playing golf and spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed travelling with his loving wife Linda, particularly back to Italy.

Joseph will be dearly missed by Linda; his son, Louis; his grandchildren, Maggie, Joseph and Lily; his sisters, Alesandra DiCecca and Erasma Simeone; his brother, Cosmo, and a number of nieces and nephews. Joseph's passing will be felt by the greater community, as he touched the lives of everyone around him. I am proud to have known such a philanthropic and compassionate Ohioan.

RECOGNIZING PIPEFITTERS,
STEAMFITTERS, REFRIGERATION
AND AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE
LOCAL 636

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important contributions that the Pipefitters, Steamfitters, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Service Local 636 have made to their members as well as working families and communities throughout southeast Michigan. On Saturday, March 29, 2014, the men and women of Local 636 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding.

Since it was chartered on March 17, 1914, Local 636 has worked to secure safe working conditions, fair wages, health and welfare benefits, and retirement security for its membership. Also notable is Local 636's longstanding commitment to ensuring that its members have the training necessary to do the difficult and skilled work required of them. In 1936, Local 636 began its first organized Apprenticeship Training. Today, Local 636's leaders and members are justifiably proud of its 27,000 square foot Pipefitting Industry Training Center, located on 3 acres in Troy, Michigan, where apprentices can receive classroom and other instruction, and where journeymen can continuously update their professional skills.

Local 636 members have literally helped to build the City of Detroit and so much of southeast Michigan. Early in its history, Local 636 members helped to build Detroit's Statler Hotel and the Stroh's Brewery, and they installed Carrier centrifugal chillers at the J.L. Hudson Company, making it the first air-conditioned department store in the United States. Local 636's members have helped build the Detroit area's iconic workplaces, including Ford, General Motors and Chrysler plants, Detroit's Renaissance Center, and the corporate headquarters of Compuware. The region's sports and entertainment fans benefit from the work that Local 636's members have done at Cobo Hall, the home of the annual North American International Auto Show and numerous events and conventions each year, the Detroit Red Wings' Joe Louis Arena, the Detroit Tigers' Comerica Park, and the Detroit Lions' Ford Field.

The members of Local 636 are also committed to the well-being of people living in communities throughout Metro Detroit, contributing their time and money to causes including blood drives, The Wellness House, St. Patrick's Senior Center, and the "Heat's On/Water's Off" program.

Mr. Speaker, for the last century, the men and women of Local 636 have stood at the forefront of the labor movement in Michigan, and have made vital contributions to communities throughout the Metro Detroit area. I am proud to represent so many members of Local 636 in Michigan's 9th Congressional District. I hope you and my colleagues will join me in congratulating the men and women of Local 636 as they mark 100 years of excellence, and in wishing them continued success in their second century.

HONORING THE DISTINGUISH
GENTLEMEN ORGANIZATION

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary group of young men, The Distinguish Gentlemen.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way," Psalm 37:23. This is the vision of John Jossell in wanting to start a male mentoring organization called, "The Distinguish Gentlemen." Pondering a sense of directions with the vision, a group of male students approached him with a desire to start a step team. Considering their approach, he decided to incorporate his vision in a step team.

The Distinguish Gentlemen started in 2010 at Quitman County Middle School in Marks, MS. It consist of 20 young, aspiring men that have an interest in building a close relationship with Christ, amongst their mentoring group, and within the community. Many of the male group members come from poor, single parent household. They joined the organization with behavioral problems, lack of goals, and misunderstanding of themselves, depression, and anger issues, etc.

Some have testified that knowing the true meaning of a father was when they met their organization leader, Mr. Jossell. The goal of the organization is to shape at-risk students into better young men in the Lord and amongst their families.

Throughout the year, The Distinguish Gentlemen participates in community and church functions through "stepping", volunteer work, and mime. They have traveled many cities and in some states winning 1st Place in a step show competition. They have received standing ovation in their ministry of mime in different churches and community activities. Because of the discipline, time, and guidance given by Mr. Jossell and other men, The Distinguish Gentlemen have improved their grades in all subjects, developed a more positive attitude, and become better leaders in their perspective homes.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Distinguish Gentlemen Organization for their dedication, hard work and commitment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed in returning to Washington, DC on Monday, March 24, 2014 and missed the following two rollcall votes.

On rollcall vote 136, passage of H.R. 3060—A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building," I would have voted "yes."

On rollcall vote 137, passage of H.R. 1813—A bill to designate the facility of the

United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin Post Office Building," I would have voted "yes."

IN MEMORY OF PASTOR TIMOTHY J. WINTERS' LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Dr. Timothy J. Winters, Pastor Emeritus who led the Bayview Baptist Church in San Diego from 1973 to 2013 and offered spiritual guidance to thousands of people within the region.

Pastor Winters came to San Diego by way of the United States Navy, in which he served until his honorable discharge. Following his career with the U.S. Navy, Pastor Winters became a San Diego Police officer for over 10 years. Some of those who served with him spoke warmly of his "no nonsense" attitude on the job and the leather jacket he became known for wearing almost as a part of his uniform.

Pastor Winters presided over the Bayview Baptist Church when it built the 40,000 square foot Martin Luther King, Jr. Christian Center, which houses its ever-expanding Christian Education ministry and the Nubia Leadership Academy. Pastor Winters was a minister of vision who expanded the Bayview Baptist Church from 60 families to a congregation of more than 2,500 followers.

Pastor Winters is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Winters, daughters Phyllis and Tori, grandchildren, extended family members, close friends, including Senior Pastor Terry Wayne Brooks, and the Bayview Baptist Church family.

Pastor Winters was an exemplary member of our community and showed an admirable commitment to improving the spiritual lives of residents within San Diego County. I would like to commend him for his leadership and thank him for his contributions to the community.

THE RETIREMENT OF RANDALL PUGH

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Georgia native Randall Pugh as he prepares for his retirement at the end of the month. Randall has dedicated his nearly 50-year career to the vital work of rural electrification, and I especially want to highlight his two decades of service at Jackson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC).

Randall's career began in 1968 at the Walton EMC in Monroe, Georgia. He held various management positions in the company and served as general manager for nine years. Randall came to Jackson EMC to serve as President and Chief Executive Officer of the nation's second-largest electric cooperative, measured by customers served, in 1984.

Randall's simple philosophy of providing solid customer service helped grow Jackson EMC into the provider reliable electric service for more than 209,000 customers in 10 Northeast Georgia counties, making it a vital utility provider in my district. He also served as director of the Oglethorpe Power Corporation Board of Directors and as a member of the Georgia System Operations Corporation Board of Directors.

In addition to his vibrant professional life, Randall is an active part of his community. He is a Member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America's Northeast Georgia Council. Randall is a member and past president of the Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the Jefferson Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for both the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

I'm sure that Randall's family—especially his wife, Patricia—is looking forward to spending more time with him as he enters this next phase of life.

I join our community in congratulating Randall for all his accomplishments and wish him the very best in the future.

HONORING ALPHA EPSILON LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INCORPORATED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Alpha Epsilon Lambda of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. On June 10, 1927, Alpha Epsilon Lambda was organized in Jackson, Mississippi with Brother D.J. Jackson officiating for the General Organization.

Alpha Epsilon Lambda has the distinction of being the first chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, alumni or undergraduate, in the State of Mississippi. The charter members were Brothers: S.R. Redmond, D.J. Thomas, J.W.E. Bowen, H.C. Latham, E.A. Lanier, E.R. Lawrence, F.W. Martin, and Frederick Hall. The establishment of Alpha Epsilon Lambda, like many other graduate chapters, was the result of graduate brothers requesting the General Organization to set them apart as local chapters because of their desires to establish closer unity among themselves and renew old Alpha ties.

Alpha Epsilon Lambda provides a pool of leadership which serves as the advisory arm for three undergraduate chapters in the metro Jackson area: Gamma Upsilon at Tougaloo College, Delta Phi at Jackson State University and Omicron Gamma at Milsaps/Belhaven Colleges.

The Chapter is committed to fostering the growth and development of the collegiate brothers in order that they may become and remain actively involved in all aspects of the Fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Alpha Epsilon Lambda of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated for their dedication to serving others.

RECOGNIZING THE LONE PEAK HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JASON CHAFFETZ

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Lone Peak High School basketball team, who made history in Utah this month. For the first time ever, the state basketball championship has been won by the same team for 4 consecutive years.

The Lone Peak Knights, led by a group of seniors with unprecedented success, completed their latest championship run with a decisive victory over the outstanding Pleasant Grove High School.

Congratulations to the greatest team in Utah high school basketball on making history with their 4 consecutive seasons of excellence culminating in the 2014 5A State Championship. Coach Quincy Lewis deserves recognition for producing consistent results, including last year's award for best high school basketball team in the Nation according to website Max Preps.

I recognize the contributions of each player to this historic achievement. In particular, I acknowledge the unprecedented success of the senior players who have contributed to each of the 4 state championship titles won during their career at Lone Peak High. Seniors T.J. Hawes, Zach Frampton, Jantzen Allphin, McKay Webster and Spencer Curtis have now played their last game as Knights, but they can be proud of their contributions to this team during their high school careers.

Finishing their season with a 23–3 record, the Knights scored a blistering 14 3–point shots during the championship game. Spectacular performances by Hawes and Frampton made the victory a decisive one. Hawes scored a game high 29 points, including making 8 of 14 shots from three-point range. Frampton dominated the scoreboard in the early part of the game with 21 points before halftime and ultimately ending the night with a double double.

The win must also be credited to the impressive execution of younger players who will continue to build on the success of this season.

Mr. Speaker, high school basketball is a competitive sport that places great physical demands on players. These young people have worked hard to balance the rigorous demands of their sport with impressive academic achievements. They reflect the best today's youth have to offer. I honor their commitment, dedication and achievements and look forward to the contributions each one is sure to make in the future, both on and off the basketball court.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OF VAL DEMINGS

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize

Chief Valdez B. Demings. Val, the youngest of seven children, was born to James and Elouise Butler in Jacksonville, Florida. She attended Duval County Public Schools and is a graduate of Wolfson High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from Florida State University and her Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from Webster University. Val is also a graduate of the 226th session of the FBI National Academy as well as the FBI National Executive Institute.

After working as a social worker in foster care, Val moved to Orlando in 1983 to attend the Orlando Police Academy. She was elected president of her class at the Academy and later received the Board of Trustees Award for overall excellence. Val's many assignments with the Orlando Police Department included assignments in the West Patrol Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, Crime Prevention, Explorer and Cadet Unit, Public Information Office, Internal Affairs, and as Commander of the Airport Division. She also served as the Commander of Special Operations where she managed special events, dignitary protection, traffic enforcement, traffic homicide, marine patrol, the K-9 and Vehicles for Hire units, and the Reserve and Auxiliary units. In addition to her regular job assignments, Val served 12 years on the Crisis Negotiation Team, was Commander of the Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, and was Executive Vice President of the International Association of Airport and Seaport Police.

In 2007, Val was selected to serve as Chief for the Orlando Police Department. She was the first woman to ever hold the position. Her tenure was marked by a dramatic forty percent reduction in violent crime, including robberies, shootings and murders.

After twenty-seven years at the Orlando Police Department, including three and a half years as the Department's top cop, Demings decided to retire from the force and continue her commitment to public service in another way. In 2012, Val Demings ran for the United States House of Representatives in Florida's tenth congressional district.

Today, Chief Demings stays involved in her community through numerous social service activities. She is an active member of Saint Mark A.M.E. Church, where she is a Steward, Trustee, and Chairperson of the Annual Church Women's Conference. She is also President of the Women's Missionary Society through which she has participated in mission trips to Peru and Haiti.

Val is very active in her community through numerous social service activities. She is Chairperson of the Committee on Global Housing and Homelessness, and serves on the boards of Heart of Florida United Way, Central Florida Police Athletic League, United Negro College Fund, and Guardian Care Nursing and Rehabilitative Center. In addition to several other affiliations, Val was named one of Orlando's "50 Most Powerful People."

Val is married to Jerry L. Demings, Sheriff of Orange County and former Orlando Police Chief. They have three sons, Austin, Antoine, and Antonio.

I am happy to honor Val Demings, during Women's History Month, for her service and contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ERIN SULLIVAN

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Erin Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan is the daughter of an Irish immigrant mother who came to the United States as a teenager in the 1960s with only a third grade level of education. Her Irish-American father was a fervent believer in social justice and responsive government. A proud graduate of the University at Albany, State University of New York, Ms. Sullivan was the first in her family to graduate from college.

Today Ms. Sullivan is the editor of Orlando Weekly, an alternative newsweekly dedicated to strengthening the community by keeping readers informed about important local issues, events and politics. She began her career in journalism at a business newspaper in Albany, N.Y., but soon discovered a desire to report on issues that impacted people's lives, so changed her focus to political and issues-based reporting. Ms. Sullivan covered state government in New York for five years before moving to Baltimore, Md., where she became the managing editor for the award-winning investigative weekly, Baltimore City Paper.

In 2010, she moved to Orlando to take over as editor of Orlando Weekly, where she re-envisioned the paper as an invaluable community asset that keeps the Central Florida community apprised of important local and state news, politics, and social issues. She is also a regular commentator on National Public Radio affiliate WMFE 90.7 News FM, where she has created a weekly segment that focuses on topical local news stories that other media outlets often overlook.

Over the years, Ms. Sullivan has earned awards and recognition for public-service reporting, feature reporting, and news writing. She appears on local TV news shows to offer alternative viewpoints on issues that are often treated one-dimensionally. She has also led workshops and seminars for young journalists on developing their skills as reporters.

Ms. Sullivan is also dedicated to giving back to the community through public service. She has served on the board of the Association for Alternative Newsweeklies and Baltimore City's Animal Control Advisory Board, and is a founding member of a nonprofit organization that offers humane-education workshops for schoolchildren living in Baltimore's inner city. Currently an animal rescue volunteer for the Humane Society of the United States, Ms. Sullivan spends as much time as she can educating people about the link between animal cruelty and domestic violence and about how the humane treatment of animals intersects with creating a stronger, more compassionate, and evolved community.

I am happy to honor Erin Sullivan, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MICHELE RENEE LEVY

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Michele Renee Levy. Michele was born in The Bronx, New York on August 25, 1942. She grew up in the city and attended public schools. Her father was a political activist and union leader, so she and her brother learned at an early age to never cross a picket line and to respect

the working people of this country. Michele's dad was a history buff who made dinner table discussions a learning experience. It was expected that she would study hard and get the grades necessary to attend the local university, the City College of New York (CCNY).

During college, Michele became involved in student politics. It was the 1960s, and there was so much to protest. She took part in student rallies at CCNY to "ban the bomb" and became active in the civil rights movement when she joined the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). When her brother was drafted and sent to Vietnam she took her two children (a toddler and an infant) to anti-war protests in the New York area.

In 1973, Michele and her family moved to Orlando and she began a career as a social worker. She worked for the state of Florida in what was then the Department of Family Services, determining eligibility for welfare, food stamps, and Medicaid. Several years later she began working for the Agency for Persons with Disabilities where she worked with children and adults with developmental disabilities. Michele retired in 2005 and began her own company, MRL Training Consultants through which she trained job coaches, supported living coaches, and direct care staff.

In 2007, Michele joined the League of Women Voters to become more involved with community and local politics. She joined the Local Government Committee where she met other women who were active community leaders. Michele became Chair of the League's Government Committee where she championed changes to the Orange County Charter which would make citizen access easier. She used the public comments part of local government meetings to speak out about the issues impacting the Central Florida community.

More recently, as the Co-President of the League of Women Voters of Orange County, she highlighted the Orlando Orange County Expressway Authority's ethical reasons for not hiring former State Representative Steve Precourt. She received an appreciative letter from Mayor Teresa Jacobs for her attention to the issue.

Michele was also active in a local campaign against an amendment to the Orange County Charter that would have required a mail-in ballot, abolished the Tax Collector's office, and made it more difficult for a citizen-initiative to be put on the ballot. The amendment did not pass.

Michele believes that all citizens have an obligation to, at the very least, participate in their government by voting, and by participating to the best of your abilities. One of her favorite quotes is by the founder of the League of Women Voters, Carrie Chapman Catt, who said, "[t]o the wrongs that need resistance, to the right that needs assistance, to the future in the distance, give yourselves."

I am happy to honor Michele Renee Levy, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LINDA
SUTHERLAND

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Linda Sutherland. Ms. Sutherland has served as the Executive Director of the Orange County Healthy Start Coalition since February 2001. She oversees a \$3 million budget and related staff and programs which support the Coalition of over 160 members, as well as a variety of direct maternal and child health and social services offered to the community. These services include a Fatherhood program, ACA enrollment help, and Children's Health Insurance (KidCare). The Coalition served over 7,000 women and 5,000 infants last year.

The Coalition is responsible for identifying needs in the community, and designing and supporting related services for mothers and babies who are at-risk. Through its work, the Coalition ensures that every baby gets a "healthy start" in life. In order to develop and maintain the Coalition and build community collaborations with the purpose of improving target health indices, Ms. Sutherland works with a wide variety of area maternal and child health providers, community agencies, and service providers.

As Healthy Start Director, Ms. Sutherland has taken an interest in health disparities, serving as Founding Member of the Primary Care Access Network, Chair of the Central FL Partnership on Health Disparities, and initiating programs specifically to reduce racial disparities in birth outcomes. She also serves on the March of Dimes State Planning Council.

Prior to her work with the Coalition, she served as the President of the Orange County Council of PTAs and then on the Orange County School Board for twelve years, from 1990–2002. During her tenure she served as both Chairman and Vice Chairman of the local School Board and as President of the State School Board Association. She also represented Florida on the Council of Great City Schools and the National School Board Association.

Ms. Sutherland was invited to the White House by then First Lady Laura Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush for a discussion on early literacy and school readiness in 2001. Her areas of special interest and advocacy have always been early childhood issues, especially related to early intervention and prevention, and legislative matters affecting the welfare of children which have involved working closely with neighborhood groups, community leaders, and political representatives.

First and foremost a child advocate, Ms. Sutherland has spent considerable time learning about brain research, child health and best practices of parenting, and educating. She was a pioneer in advocating for the importance of investing in the early years for better long term outcomes. She is a sought-after speaker at events related to the well-being of children. She also serves on many boards responding to issues facing children and families in Central Florida and around the state, includ-

ing the Florida Children's Campaign and the Children's Cabinet of Orange County.

Ms. Sutherland has been married to her best friend, Doug, for 40 years and they have one son, Andrew.

I am happy to honor Linda Sutherland, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEBORAH C.
GERMAN, M.D.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today, in honor of Women's History Month, to recognize Dr. Deborah C. German, a physician, educator, and administrator. Dr. German has served as Vice President for Medical Affairs at the University of Central Florida (UCF) since July 2010 and as the Founding Dean of UCF's College of Medicine since December 2006.

After receiving her M.D. from Harvard Medical School, Dr. German worked at a number of prestigious institutions. She was Resident in Medicine at the University of Rochester, Fellow and faculty member at Duke, Associate Dean for Students and Senior Associate Dean of Medical Education at Vanderbilt, President and CEO of Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville, and Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Petersdorf Scholar-in-Residence.

In her current position at UCF, Dr. German is working with a team of over 2,400 full-time, part-time, and volunteer faculty and staff members to develop a 21st century research-based medical school as part of Orlando's emerging Medical City. Recognizing the central role of the College of Medicine in Lake Nona, she takes an active leadership role in facilitating partnerships and expanding the reach of the Medical City. Dr. German led a community effort to fund scholarships for tuition and living expenses for the entire Charter Class. This was the first such effort in the history of American medicine, and to date has not been matched by any other college.

Dr. German's service to her community has been recognized by several local and national organizations. She is the recipient of honors and awards including the Athena Award from the City of Nashville in 2000, the AAMC Women in Medicine Leadership Development Award in 2002, the Orlando Sentinel Editorial Board's Central Floridian of the Year in 2002, the National Library of Medicine's a Local Legend of Medicine in 2005, Orlando Sentinel's "25 Most Powerful People in Central Florida" in 2012, and the Orlando Blueprint Women of Distinction Award Honoree in 2014.

I am happy to honor Dr. Deborah C. German, during Women's History Month, for her contributions to the Central Florida community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, I was unavoidably de-

tained due to a family emergency and missed the following votes:

An amendment, offered by Mr. LOWENTHAL, numbered 1 printed in Part B of House Report 113–374 to require States to implement the June 30, 1983 Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement stream buffer zone rule, unless a State has a program with greater stream protection. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

An amendment, offered by Mr. CARTWRIGHT, numbered 2 printed in Part B of House Report 113–374 to ensure that States maintain the ability to issue their own stream buffer rules. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

A Motion to Recommit, offered by Mr. BERA. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this amendment.

H.R. 2824, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to stop the ongoing waste by the Department of the Interior of taxpayer resources and implement the final rule on excess spoil, mining waste, and buffers for perennial and intermittent streams, and for other purposes. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this bill. H.R. 2824 is another cynical attempt to threaten the clean air and clean water my constituents in Illinois' 8th district rely on. Passage of this bill would undoubtedly open up our precious waterways to toxic mine waste and roll back the gains the Clean Water Act, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA), and Endangered Species Act have had for our communities. I have voted in the past to limit the materials that can be dumped in our waterways, including an amendment by Mr. MORAN on H.R. 2609, and would have voted again to protect the miles of waterways and numerous communities that would be affected under H.R. 2824.

HONORING BETA DELTA OMEGA
CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA
ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated that was organized on May 28, 1934 at Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi while Margaret Davis Bowen was the South Eastern Regional Director and Ida M. Jackson was the Eighth Supreme Basileus. Its charter members were Inez B. Prosser, Katie M. Wilson, Helen Griffin, Aquila Jones, Florence O. Alexander, and L. Zenobia Coleman.

Beta Delta Omega Chapter has a current membership of over 150 women and is the largest Chapter in the state of Mississippi. The

Chapter's Program currently focuses on social justice, poverty, health, the African-American family, economic security, political awareness and the world community. Its work often involves collaborating with other organizations to facilitate numerous projects.

Beta Delta Omega is continually engaged in programming efforts that promote education, economic empowerment, healthy living, the Black family, the arts, and community involvement. In addition, the Chapter has distinguished itself by having the immediate past International Supreme Tamiouchos, Glenda Glover and the immediate past South Eastern Regional Director, Juanita Sims Doty, as members of the chapter. Also, two other South Eastern Regional Directors were/are members of Beta Delta Omega Chapter: 1) 14th South Eastern Regional Director Ernestine Holloway (deceased); and 2) 17th South Eastern Regional Director Esther Rigsby.

The Chapter's foci on building leaders and instituting effective chapter operations keep all members mindful of the goals of its charter members. Beta Delta Omega continues to make history with commitment, dedicated service, and exceptional programming. It is through "service to all mankind" that the sorority will prosper and be an ever present light in the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for their dedication to serving others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in a meeting in my office and was unable to be present for rollcall Vote number 138, the Lowenthal Amendment to H.R. 2824.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, in March, we celebrate Women's History Month; a time to revere on the vital contributions women have made to American history. Today, 140 women for every 100 men will earn a degree in American colleges while still experiencing a pay of 81 cents for every dollar men make.

In the health insurance market, women have often paid more and faced discrimination due to health status and gender. However, implementation of the ACA has provided the prospect of health coverage for up to 18.6 million previously uninsured women. In addition, there are more than 200,000 women in the military who serve on active duty. It is important to recognize their service, and honor them by providing them with the same opportunities as the men have in the military, along with an environment free from sexual assault.

Women remain the unsung heroes of our society. While progress has been celebrated, it is critical to the future economic and social fabric of the nation to work towards creating a more equitable environment that harvests future generations of prosperous and thriving women.

HONORING DR. ROGER UNGER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Roger Unger, a distinguished leader in my community on the occasion of being awarded the 2014 Rolf Luft Award. The award is from Karolinska Institute, a medical university in Sweden that is also home to the Nobel Assembly, which annually honors one scientist worldwide for outstanding contributions to endocrinology and diabetes research.

Dr. Unger is a graduate of Yale University and earned his medical degree at Columbia University. He was elected to the National Academy of the Sciences in 1986 and to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1994. Dr. Unger currently serves as professor of internal medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center, an institution which is a gem in my Congressional district. As one of the Nation's premier diabetic researchers, Dr. Unger has exemplified scientific and educational excellence.

Serving as a UT Southwestern faculty member since 1956 and director of the Touchstone Center for Diabetes Research from 1986 to 2007, he has shown an unwavering commitment to excellence in the sciences and has ensured that the future of Americans is a bright one through his research. While working at the Dallas VA Medical Center in 1959, Dr. Unger developed a test to measure concentrations of glucagon and established that glucagon was a true pancreatic hormone released in opposing partnership with insulin to maintain normal blood glucose (sugar) levels. His most recent discovery proves that a glucagon-suppressing hormone called somatostatin can normalize the glucose levels of type 1 diabetic patients.

The award he received recognizes his decades of contributions to diabetes research. UT Southwestern and our country have benefitted immensely from Dr. Unger's service. Dr. Unger deserves to be commended. In order to keep the United States at the leading edge of discovery, it will take more amazing professors such as Dr. Unger.

I wish to commend Dr. Unger and thank him for his service to this great nation. As leader in diabetic research, he has created positive pathways for the future of those affected by this illness.

HONORING MISSISSIPPI NAACP

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Mis-

issippi NAACP. The first branch in Mississippi was chartered in Vicksburg, Mississippi in 1918 and re-charted on April 8, 1940.

In 1945, members of branches from across the state came together to charter the Mississippi State Conference of Branches to coordinate the efforts of local branches and to carry out the mission and vision of the national organization statewide.

The Mississippi State Conference was on the forefront of all the major battles of the civil rights movement in Mississippi during the 50's, 60's and 70's through and collaborating with other civil rights organizations to organize demonstrations, protests, selective buying campaigns, sit-ins, marches and legal action, all aimed at securing equal rights under the law for ALL citizens of the state.

Since its founding, the State Conference has been led by some notable leaders including:

Aaron E. Henry, State Conference President for 33 years and perhaps the chief architect of integration in Mississippi;

Medgar Evers, the civil rights martyr, who served as executive director and led voter registration campaigns;

Winston Hudson, who served as a state vice president and advocated for Head Start programs and rural health clinics;

C.C. Bryant who served as a state vice president for many years and assisted students in the McComb area with establishing the first freedom school; and

Dr. Gilbert Mason of Biloxi who forced the integration of the Biloxi Beach.

Retired Supreme Court Justice Fred Banks is currently the longest serving member of the National NAACP Board of Directors and serves as a distinguished member of the executive committee.

Today, the Mississippi State Conference consists of 112 units, which include branches, college chapters, and youth councils. NAACP has a revolving membership of over 11,000 members across the state and at least one member in 74 of the 82 counties in Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mississippi NAACP for their dedication to serving.

HONORING KEIFER MARSHALL, JR.

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Keifer Marshall, Jr., recipient of the Drayton and Elizabeth McClane Community Achievement Award for individuals who truly exemplify public service leadership. Marshall's life of sacrifice and activism reflects the very best values of central Texas.

Marshall, a native son of Temple, TX, bravely stepped forward when his country needed him most and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. Stationed in the Pacific Theater, he fought the ferocity of the Japanese head on. At Iwo Jima, the casualties of his company were the severest of the entire campaign. Out of 250 Marines, Marshall was one of the lucky few to survive.

This proud Marine is also a committed citizen. Marshall returned to Temple and began

the next chapter of his life of extraordinary service. A member of numerous councils and boards, he later became a City Councilman and a two-term Mayor. Marshall was President of the Temple Chamber of Commerce, was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, and was awarded Temple Citizen of the Year honors in 1992. He remains a respected leader who's made a real and positive impact on his community.

Ronald Reagan once said, "Some people live an entire lifetime wondering if they've made a difference in the world, Marines don't have that problem." Keifer Marshall is a local treasure and a fitting recipient of the Drayton and Elizabeth McClane Community Achievement Award. I join all who celebrate his selfless service to his nation and his hometown.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL
STANFORD "STAN" E. BROWN,
USAF, (RET)

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, CA are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Brigadier General Stanford "Stan" E. Brown, USAF, (Ret) is one of these individuals. On March 27, 2014, Stan will be honored as the 2013 "Citizen of the Year" at the Riverside Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner.

On December 25, 1928, Stan was born in the college town of Champaign, Illinois, to Rose Marie and Gilbert Brown. Stan grew up watching his father establish a successful career as a police officer, and listening to stories of his mother's family emigrating from Sicily. Times were tough and the Great Depression had hit the family living on one income hard. Stan's natural entrepreneurial spirit proved useful, and the family was able to survive on the income generated by the chicken coup he set up in their basement and the lush garden in their backyard. His athletic nature eventually earned him a baseball scholarship to serve as starting pitcher at the University of Illinois.

Though his passion for America's greatest pastime was strong and could have turned into a career, Stan felt a greater calling to serve his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He left his sweetheart, Beverly, behind, but would come back shortly thereafter to marry her. Stan's natural leadership ability was noticed within the Air Force, and afforded him the opportunity to move up very quickly in the enlisted ranks. After earning an officer's commission, Beverly, Stan, and their three boys Stan Jr., Bradley, and Gilbert, took up military life as they moved frequently from base to base. A successful application for pilot's school would eventually send him all over the world and up the chain of command. He experienced many an adventure: from flying reconnaissance jet missions over the Soviet Union, to a combat tour doing classified missions in Vietnam.

In July 1973, Stan and his family would be transferred to a brand new terrain, sunny Southern California at March Air Force Base (March AFB). By August 1975, he had excelled in many positions, and eventually earned one of the top jobs on site, Wing Commander. Though he had lived all over the country, Stan had never quite experienced anything like the camaraderie at March AFB. During his time there, he was credited with starting the Airman's Picnic, the Riverside Trophy Dinner, leading the 22nd Bombardment Wing to become one of the most prestigious in the Strategic Air Command, and establishing the land space that would eventually become the Riverside National Cemetery. He had formed invaluable friendships with individuals who provided him counsel throughout his time at his next assignment serving at the Pentagon and over his many years with the Strategic Air Command.

Though he was transferred to the Pentagon 1977, Stan could never seem to get the Inland Empire off of his mind after leaving behind many friends and family members. With hard work and dedication, Stan achieved the rank of Brigadier General in a matter of two years. A multitude of assignments came his way, until four years later he finally retired from the service as commander of the Defense Nuclear Agency at Kirtland AFB, N.M. With his retirement from the service came a new opportunity to serve as Vice President of Northrop Corp, an experience that eventually gave him the skills necessary to start his own defense company in Southern California.

After quite a ride, Stan made the decision to officially retire in Riverside where his wife Beverly continued to fight cancer; sadly, a battle she would lose in 2002. Despite this, Stan had grown to love the community and became even more involved projects throughout the Inland Empire. He began planning of the Medal of Honor Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery, which led him to become the founder of the cemetery's Monuments and Memorial Committee established to make decisions regarding future memorials. Because of his clear leadership, Stan was appointed by the National Cemetery Administration to its Advisory Committee on Monuments and Memorials in 2004, which allowed him to assist other cemeteries throughout the nation in developing their programs and planning boards.

Stan's experience created a need for his involvement in development for the March Joint Powers Authority. He also earned appointment to the Riverside Planning Commission in 2003, where he served two terms, would keep him actively involved in the community. Currently, Stan chairs an advisory committee aimed at establishing a U.S. Veteran Initiative at March Air Reserve Base, which would provide job training to U.S. Veterans.

Stan is most known as an effective leader with a natural ability to organize the efforts and goodwill of others. He proudly served his country with the love and support of his family, and went on to contribute to the character of the Inland Empire as a keen businessman. Considering all that Stan has done for Riverside, the Riverside Chamber of Commerce named him their 2013 Citizen of the Year. Stan's tireless passion for service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our country and community. He has been an inspiration to many and I am proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I

know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he receives this prestigious award.

IN SUPPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA'S SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT BEING RECOGNIZED AS A "PURPLE HEART DISTRICT"

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District as home to recipients of the Purple Heart. So many of its residents have honorably served our nation in its times of need—all gave some and some gave all. As a reflection of Eastern North Carolina's pivotal role in war efforts past and present, and the deep personal sacrifice of so many of its residents, I stand to proclaim that North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

As you know, The Purple Heart is one of the oldest and most recognized American military medals, awarded to service members who were killed or wounded by enemy action. In 1782, George Washington created the Badge of Military Merit to reward "any singularly Meritorious action" displayed by a soldier, non-commissioned officer, or officer in the Continental Army. This award was intended to encourage gallantry and fidelity among soldiers. General Douglas MacArthur (then Army Chief of Staff) revived the award on February 22, 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth. Since its inception and through several wars and conflicts, the Purple Heart has been given to more than a million wounded or killed while serving our nation.

North Carolina is home to the third largest military population in the United States. Because of its unique location between Fort Bragg, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, and Air Force Base Seymour Johnson, North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District is simply an exploding center for military life. It is estimated that there are over 50,000 Purple Heart recipients currently living in our great state, and a large percentage of these valiant men and women reside in the district I am honored to represent.

Mr. Speaker, Eastern North Carolina has dispatched thousands of its sons and daughters to fight the enemy; many have sacrificed their health and many have sacrificed their lives. We will never forget these sacrifices and are grateful for the valiant men and women who have been harmed defending our country and our freedom.

I ask that my colleagues to join me in recognition and appreciation of Eastern North Carolina's Purple Heart recipients past and present. Now, in the spirit of that appreciation, let it be known that North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District should be recognized as a "Purple Heart District."

HONORING DELTA SIGMA THETA
SORORITY, INCORPORATED
GREENWOOD-ITTA BENA ALUM-
NAE CHAPTER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Greenwood-Itta Bena Alumnae Chapter.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world.

A sisterhood sorority of more than 250,000 predominantly black college educated women and the sorority currently has over 940 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea.

The major programs of the Sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust:

- Economic Development;
- Educational Development;
- International Awareness and Involvement;
- Physical and Mental Health; and
- Political Awareness and Involvement.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities.

Their legacy continues today in the Mississippi Delta through the Greenwood-Itta Bena Alumnae Chapter. With more than 50 years since its inception, the chapter has grown from 16 members in 1963 to 84 members in 2014.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Greenwood-Itta Bena Alumnae Chapter for its contribution to the black community.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,550,128,150,467.43. We've added \$6,923,251,101,554.35 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14, 2014, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. I would have voted:

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 127 (on the Ellis Amendment to H.R. 3973),

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 128 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 3973, with instructions),

"No" on rollcall vote No. 129 (on passage of H.R. 3973),

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 130 (on the Polis Amendment to H.R. 3189),

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 131 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 3189, with instructions),

"No" on rollcall vote No. 132 (on passage of H.R. 3189),

"No" on rollcall vote No. 133 (on the motion to table H. Res. 517),

"Yes" on rollcall vote No. 134 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 4015, with instructions), and

"No" on rollcall vote No. 135 (on passage of H.R. 4015).

HONORING THE ACTIONS OF DANIEL AND GAGE STEPHENS

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor two courageous young men in my district whose actions saved a woman's life during a recent winter storm.

16-Year-old Daniel Stephens and his younger brother Gage were hiking near their North Georgia home on January 28th when they saw a Ford F-150 slide off the side of a mountain.

The driver suffered multiple broken ribs, a broken hip, a lower-back injury, and a partially dislocated shoulder.

When she attempted to vacate the vehicle, she fell nearly 100 feet down the side of the mountain.

Thankfully, both Daniel and Gage are Civil Air Patrol cadets with the 507 Ellijay Composite Squadron.

These two young men sprung into action using training they learned in the classroom as well as field exercises.

Daniel scaled the terrain, stabilized the woman, and prevented her from falling nearly another 150 feet to the bottom.

First responders reported that Daniel was "a great asset to the EMS team."

Meanwhile, Gage quickly returned home to call 911 and bring blankets for the injured woman.

There is no doubt that these two brave Georgians saved a life last month, and

I join the entire Ellijay and Civil Air Patrol communities in commending Daniel and Gage Stephens for their heroism.

HONORING RHO LAMBDA OMEGA
OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SO-
RORITY, INCORPORATED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated that was established on October 23, 1988 by thirty-two Alpha Kappa Alpha women who had a vision to expand and extend service to all mankind to a growing community in Jackson, Mississippi.

The chartering ceremonies are ceremonies that were conducted by then 18th South Eastern Regional Director, Mrs. Nancy G. Sewell. Since its inception, Rho Lambda Omega has experienced success by implementing many ongoing community service projects which fulfill tangible needs and make a difference in the lives of individuals in the Jackson Metropolitan Area.

Many of the chapter's initial community projects that are focusing on Education, Health, Government, Family, the Arts, and Economic Empowerment have been implemented continuously over the years. Other projects are added as we continue to assess and address the needs of our local community and support the Sorority's international program initiatives.

In a period of almost twenty years Rho Lambda Omega has grown from the initial thirty-two to an active membership of over one hundred.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rho Lambda Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated for their dedication to serving others in need.

A BILL TO AMEND THE SIKES ACT TO PROMOTE THE USE OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS UNDER SUCH ACT FOR LAND MANAGEMENT RELATED TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE READINESS ACTIVITIES AND TO AMEND TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, TO FACILITATE INTERAGENCY COOPERATION IN CONSERVATION PROGRAMS TO AVOID OR REDUCE ADVERSE IMPACTS ON MILITARY READINESS ACTIVITIES

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced a bill to amend the Sikes Act to promote the use of cooperative agreements for land management related to the Department of Defense (DoD) readiness activities. The bill provides common sense reforms to the Sikes Act. These reforms afford both programs with greater flexibility to leverage cooperative agreements and other federal funds to meet program requirements.

In particular, the bill would provide additional enhancements to the authorities provided to DoD under the Sikes Act and parallels a similar amendment made in the FY 2012 National

Defense Authorization Act to the REPI program. Specifically, the provision would authorize DoD, pursuant to a cooperative agreement under the Sikes Act, to provide funds for the long term maintenance and improvement of natural resources on non-DoD lands without first having to protect such lands through acquisition of easements. This will greatly enhance the ability of DoD to take action to relieve or eliminate current or anticipated challenges that could restrict, impede, or otherwise interfere with, whether directly or indirectly, current or anticipated military activities. For example, this provision would help DoD meet its obligations under the Endangered Species Act and other applicable statutory and regulatory requirements through actions on non-DoD lands pursuant to a cooperative agreement with a state or local agency or a private landowner. This authority would help avoid or reduce the need to restrict training and testing activities on DoD lands.

A similar version of this bill was included as section 314 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 as passed in the House of Representatives. My bill makes some improvements to section 314 and addresses concerns raised by the Department of Defense regarding percentage of funds allowed for administration of the program as well as auditing requirements. I look forward to working with the relevant Committee to incorporate this bill as a provision in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015.

Again, the bill is a common sense approach to better enabling DoD to meet its conservation goals and requirements while protecting its ability to meet readiness requirements. In a time of fiscal austerity, it is important for Congress to provide the Administration with the tools and authorities to be flexible and adaptable to challenges with innovative thinking and minimal investment. I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

HONORING CADET TREVOR-LEE TRAVIS

HON. JASON T. SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cadet Trevor-Lee Travis of Missouri for his achievement and commitment to serving our country. In addition to completing the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program, Cadet Travis is being awarded the General Billy Mitchell Award and is now eligible to be promoted to the rank of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant. To complete the program and achieve this milestone, Cadet Travis had to excel in different trainings and leadership classes. He then went before a Promotion Review Board of his peers who acknowledged his achievements and awarded him this recognition. This is quite an honor as only a few distinguished cadets nationwide achieve this status.

At a young age Cadet Travis has shown an admirable commitment to serve our country and I am very thankful for patriots like him who will lead the future generation of airmen. It is my pleasure to recognize his efforts and achievements before the House of Representatives.

RECOGNITION OF THE I.C. NORCOM BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great pride to call attention to a group of young students who have distinguished themselves, their school, their community, and the city of Portsmouth, Virginia. The I.C. Norcom Greyhounds boys' basketball team had a remarkable season and I believe the Greyhounds deserve formal recognition for their accomplishments.

On March 13, 2014, the I.C. Norcom Greyhounds beat the John Handley Judges of Winchester, Virginia, to win the Group 4A boys' state basketball championship. The Greyhounds completed their 2014 season with an impressive 23–5 record. I.C. Norcom won the championship with a nearly unbelievable comeback. Down sixteen points with seven minutes left in the game, the team went on a 21–0 run, outscoring the Judges 33–12 in the fourth quarter. At the end of the game, the Greyhounds had prevailed with a final score of 59 to 52.

I.C. Norcom's boys' basketball team has had a consistent run of excellence in recent years. With this year's championship, I.C. Norcom has won three state championships in the past five years, becoming a dominant force in Virginia high school sports.

I.C. Norcom was founded in 1913 as the High Street School, the first public high school for black students in Portsmouth. It was renamed in 1953 in honor of its first supervising principal, Israel Charles Norcom, a pioneering educator, civic leader and businessman. Now, more than 100 years and three locations later, I.C. Norcom High School is still an innovating and inspiring place for Portsmouth students.

In addition to excelling on the basketball court, the Greyhounds are also doing great things in the classroom. I.C. Norcom houses a Center of Excellence in Math and Science, which provides students with additional classes in science, math, and technology. Seniors completing the Center's curriculum this year will receive Center of Excellence Diplomas which require five science course credits, one more than necessary under the advanced diploma. In addition, I.C. Norcom students have been participating in the First College program—attending Tidewater Community College this semester and taking up to 14 college credits before they graduate. I.C. Norcom is doing a great job cultivating excellence both on and off the athletic field.

I would like to extend my enthusiastic congratulations to the I.C. Norcom players, their families, Principal Dr. Rosalynn Sanderlin, Coach Leon Goolsby and the rest of his coaching staff, on the occasion of this historic Boy's basketball Championship. On behalf of the citizens of the Third Congressional District of Virginia, I.C. Norcom alumni, and the entire city of Portsmouth, I commend them for this historic win and wish the program years of continued success in the future.

HONORING TRI-COUNTY WORKFORCE ALLIANCE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Community Organization, Tri-County Workforce Alliance in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Tri-County Workforce Alliance, serving the counties of Bolivar, Coahoma, and Quitman originally with the addition of Sunflower and Tallahatchie counties in 2011, in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, is a non-profit organization funded originally by the Foundation for the Mid South through Pew Charitable Trust and the Walton Foundation.

The Alliance chose its first and only executive director, Mrs. Josephine P. Rhymes, in 1997. The Alliance did not have a 501(c)3 status; however it had as the lead organization, the Coahoma County Industrial Foundation, that did have the exempt status. In 2002, the Alliance received their 501(c)3 status and its fiscal agent at present is Coahoma Community College.

The Tri-County Workforce Alliance's mission is to improve the quality of life for people living in the three counties by promoting long-term economic and community development and by building a competitive healthy workforce through education and job training.

Through collaborative efforts with other agencies with a similar mission, Tri-County Alliance worked to support and enhance their efforts through technical support and programs and assistance with alternative funding efforts through a strong mini-grant program. They made available the resources of the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta, which offered hands-on assistance to new and existing businesses in this region in three program areas: technical assistance, development finance, and private sector purchasing.

Tri-County Workforce Alliance is an organization that is made up of people from many racial, social, and economic groups of the tri-county area, working together to find positive solutions to the individual needs of two special groups of citizens: Future Workforce members are youth in high school, junior high or middle school who need a solid academic foundation or may wish to transition from high school to the workforce; and Out-of-Workforce members are adults and youth who have been unemployed for a long time, receive public assistance, or who do not work on a regular basis.

The Alliance has been successful in that it has bridged the gap between communities, between businesses and educational institutions and has enhanced educational and training strategies for the workforce, thus enabling the Alliance to leverage additional funds from other foundations, local, state and federal government and the private sector.

Through partnerships with other organizations and agencies, Tri-County Workforce Alliance has had success with: the Summer Enrichment Program in Reading and Math, which assisted 165 at-risk 4th, 5th and 6th graders in the Clarksdale Municipal School District; the Intensive Youth Supervision Program, which assisted 60 youth offenders; and the Parent Rallies, which was designed to help parents understand their roles and responsibilities in the education of their children.

This was in collaboration with the ten school districts in the tri-county area: Carpentry for Youth which provided carpentry instruction for youth who have built such things as bookcases, park benches, porches, a playhouse for a health clinic, doghouses, entertainment centers, etc.; Carpentry for Women which was a free training program for unemployed/underemployed women 18 years old and above and other support services such as childcare and transportation were provided for each participant who showed a need.

The organization is published in the Insight Center for Community Economic Development's "Building Economic Stability for Mississippi Families" (June, 2010). The Job Resource and Career Fair is sponsored for unemployed, underemployed citizens, high school seniors, and those people interested in a career change. CHOICES was another program to help curb the dropout rate. It was offered to 7th and 8th graders in the schools in the tri-county area. With the Mini-Grant Program Tri-County awarded grants in the amount of up to \$2,000 to community-based organizations, schools, business, etc. for workforce preparation and workforce development.

These funds have funded programs such as: computer training, teen parent job training, Hospice Care homemakers training, sweet potato growers training, youth employment training, personal development and job etiquette training, cultural enrichment, education rallies, vegetable processing training, hot tamale processing training, hospitality training, executive housekeeping training, child care certification training, ex-offenders job training skills, job enhancement skills training, education site visits, welfare recipient summits, business development workshops career-pathing seminars and legislative forums; the High School Mentoring Program, is a mentoring program offered to at-risk academic and social 9th–12th graders at Coahoma Agricultural High School, one of our local high schools. The Groundhog Job Shadow Day has been held for the past eight years for 7th–12th graders in Coahoma County, and for the past four years in Bolivar and Quitman Counties. Students spend one day in the world of work. There has been two students who won the Mike Moore Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each. As a result of this activity, students have gotten after school jobs, a full-tuition scholarship and a book allotment totaling \$2,000 is awarded to a freshman student who has maintained a 2.8 average in high school and has an interest in vocational/technical education at Coahoma Community College. Emphasis is placed on interested non-traditional students: Industry Education Day is a program designed to improve the working relationship between business, industry and education for improved economic development; After School Tutorial Programs is a program designed for tutoring in mathematics and reading with cultural and survival components for two schools' 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who are at risk of academic failure; Workforce Public Policy Initiative assists to develop policy that promotes opportunities to construct, implement, and evaluate a framework that is comprehensive and participatory in nature; assists people in preparing for pursuit of living with wage jobs to improve livelihood security and quality of life and to create a model program that can be used as a demonstration to influence public policy.

This program resulted in the development of a professionalization curriculum that is sanc-

tioned by employers and potential employees; Pathways to Collaboration is a workgroup with four other organizations to examine the success of and create a means of communicating to the world the special value of our collaborative process of engaging people who are directly experiencing problems in the community by problem solving.

Chosen as one of the seven originals from 764 applicants Tri-County Workforce Alliance has completed a study and the results have been published in a book entitled: "Engaging the Community in Decision Making: Case Studies Tracking Participation, Voice and Influence" by Roz Diane Lasker and John A. Guidry, McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers. High School Mentorship Program in Health Care Professions is a program for 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students in Bolivar, Coahoma, Quitman, Sunflower and Tallahatchie counties who have express an interest in the health profession. The program has an individual mentor component for on the job shadowing for 60 hours and a two week Summer Institute with advanced studies in science, math, english/reading and critical thinking/analysis.

This program is a step program that leads into dual enrollment in the community college's RN or CNA or phlebotomy programs in the 12th grade; An Academy of Science, Reading and Mathematics for Potential Health Care Professionals in a program opened to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in Coahoma and Quitman counties who express an interest in health care professions. A four-week summer institute is held where students do intensive study of science, reading and mathematics and health disparities. The students dissect animal organs (heart and kidney) to learn the parts of the body that are affected by the diseases. They work with doctors to create a wellness program for family members with the disease.

The Alliance is deeply embedded in the communities that it serves. It is helping to create change by crossing all boundaries—geographical, political, ethnical, age, and socioeconomic. Its goal is to continue to develop a network of agencies and individuals to provide ongoing strategic planning, innovative programs and leveraging local, state, federal and foundation funds.

Tri-County Workforce Alliance is governed by a 25-member board made up of representatives from government, business and industry, educational institutions (high school, junior college and four year colleges), community-based organizations, youth, and grassroots individuals, representing the three counties. Elected officers included: Charles Barron, Chairman; George Walker (deceased), Co-Chairman, Elizabeth Johnson, Treasurer and Shirley Morgan, Secretary. Other Board members include: Charles Reid, Priscilla Sharpe, Glenn Adams, W.J. Jones, Earnestine Keys, Aurelia Jones-Taylor, Kenisha Shelton, Dorothy Prestwich, Suzanne Walton, Leonia Adams from Coahoma County; Lillie V. Davis, Mary Townner, Hubert Owten, Victor Richardson, Mamie White, Pearlie Owten, Irma Bell, Lister Bowdoin from Quitman County; and Eulah Peterson, Roger Carter and Jordan Goins from Bolivar County.

Currently, an executive director, Josephine P. Rhymes, since 1997 and an administrative assistant, Harold Jones, since 2009 are the only full-time staff and there are seven part-

time program staff members. Tri-County has also formed some very wholesome partnerships with other organizations that have similar missions and they provide them with the use of facilities, staff, technical assistance and funds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Community Organization for their dedication for change and equality.

LETTER REGARDING WARTIME TREATMENT OF ITALIAN AMERICANS

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a letter that I recently received from Chet Campanella of San Jose. Mr. Campanella is an Italian American who experienced firsthand the injustices committed against Italians living in America during World War II. He has been sharing his story, and his efforts to raise awareness resulted in a formal acknowledgment and apology from the State of California in 2010.

Many are familiar with the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II, partly due to the enactment of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians Act in 1980, the Commission's report in 1983, and the subsequent Civil Liberties Act of 1988 that provided an official apology for the internment of Japanese Americans. What remains less well known is the mistreatment of thousands of Japanese and European Latin Americans, European Americans, and Jewish refugees that took place prior to and during WWII.

The 1980 Commission did address the mistreatment of Japanese, German, and Italian Latin Americans, but only in the appendix to its report. Just one chapter of thirteen addressed the mistreatment of German and Italian Americans in the U.S. Moreover, no recommendations were made with regard to these populations and no official apology was issued—unlike for Japanese internment.

This is an issue that I've been involved with for several years. In 2008, I worked with a number of my colleagues to amend a Japanese-American internment resolution to include injustices committed against European Americans during World War II. As amended and passed by the House, H. Res. 1357 specifically expressed Congress' resolve to "review the wartime treatment of . . . Italian Americans, to determine whether they should also receive an apology and reparations similar to that provided in the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 for Japanese Americans interned during World War II." The following year, as Chair of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, I led a hearing that featured testimony from experts detailing the severe injustices suffered by Italian Americans and other groups during this difficult time in our nation's history. Under my leadership, the subcommittee also considered H.R. 1425, the "Wartime Treatment Study Act," which called for a commission to study and issue a report on the treatment of European-Americans during World War II. Although the bill

made it through the subcommittee and was reported favorably by the full Judiciary Committee, the bill was not taken up on the House floor.

I urge my colleagues to take the time to read Mr. Campanella's letter.

FEBRUARY, 2014.

Hon. ZOE LOFGREN,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE LOFGREN: My name is Chet Campanella, and I am writing this letter to ask that you and all members of Congress vote in favor of giving us Italian survivors a formal public apology on behalf of our United States government for the mistreatments and injustices suffered by Italian "Enemy Aliens" here in the U.S. during World War II.

I am 83 years of age and one of the many thousands of Italian survivors. I was twelve years of age during the time of these mistreatments, having lived through it, and I remember them very well. I feel that I am well qualified to address the topic I am writing to you about.

Shortly after World War II began the treatment here in the United States and in California of 600,000 Italians who were classified as "Enemy Aliens" was truly horrible. When I refer to "Enemy Aliens" I mean those Italian immigrants to the U.S. who were not yet naturalized American Citizens, who truly loved America, and were here to forever stay. I will describe the mistreatments that our Italian "Enemy Aliens" were made to endure.

I was 12 years old at the time and I remember the curfew times were from 8 P.M. until 6 A.M. "Enemy Aliens" were not allowed to travel more than a five mile radius from their homes. They were given "Enemy Alien" identification tags that they had to carry on their person at all times. We Italian "Enemy Aliens" had our homes searched by the F.B.I. who were searching for all types of signaling devices such as short wave radios, radios, flashlights, cameras, and guns. Italian "Enemy Alien" fisherman who earned their living deep sea fishing off the coast of California had their fishing boats confiscated by our Navy.

There were 10,000 "Enemy Aliens" who lived in coastal communities off the coast of California who were forced to board up their homes and were forced to evacuate inland. These "Enemy Aliens" were made to fend for themselves without any government assistance whatsoever. There were also 2,000 elderly "Enemy Aliens" living in the city of Pittsburgh, Ca. who were forced to do the same.

There were hundreds to thousands of "Enemy Aliens" who were arrested by the F.B.I. and interned in internment camps throughout the United States during World War II. The largest of these internment camps was Fort Missoula, Montana. I had an uncle who was arrested by the F.B.I., right in front of me, and sent to an internment camp.

I have always thought that it was so sad that these Italian "Enemy Aliens" were made to endure such harsh mistreatments and injustices because there was not one instance of proof that they ever in any way hindered our American war effort. These "Enemy Aliens", my parents included, truly loved America and would do absolutely nothing to harm their new country.

I know that our United States government decided to make many of the documents that described the mistreatments endured by these "Enemy Alien" during the war classified information top secret. It was to be made as if nothing ever happened.

I am asking Congress for a formal public apology on behalf of our United States gov-

ernment for all of the horrible mistreatments and injustices forced on Italian "Enemy Aliens" during World War II. This formal apology is well deserved and long overdue.

In the year 2010 California Senator Joseph Simitian sponsored SCR 95, The Mistreatments Of Italian Immigrants During World War II. On June 23, 2010 I was asked to give a testimony on this subject to the California State Senate Rules Committee at the Capitol Building in Sacramento, California. I did it from the head and heart with no notes. Shortly after August 20, 2010 we Italian survivors on behalf of the state of California received a formal public apology.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

CHET CAMPANELLA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TAMMY DUCKWORTH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, March 24, 2014, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes:

H.R. 3060—"To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 232 Southwest Johnson Avenue in Burleson, Texas, as the "Sergeant William Moody Post Office Building"." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this bill.

H.R. 1813—"To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 162 Northeast Avenue in Tallmadge, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Daniel Nathan Deyarmin Post Office Building". Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RICHARD "DICK" IKEDA AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Dr. Richard "Dick" Ikeda, a dear friend and tireless community leader who recently passed away. Dr. Ikeda founded and served as the executive director of Health For All, Inc. and was an admired advocate for patient centered health care. As his family and friends gather to honor and remember his wonderful life, I ask all my colleagues to join me in saluting one of Sacramento's most well-respected figures.

Dr. Ikeda was a prominent leader in the health care community, and his death leaves a tremendous void in our community. Dr. Ikeda's work led to the foundation of Health For All, a community health center providing culturally sensitive health care services with a federally qualified health center designation. Under Dr. Ikeda's leadership, Health For All opened a number of community health center locations and has provided health and preventative services for thousands of low income residents in the Sacramento region. Additionally, in 1983, Health For All added an adult day health center that to this day provides

medical and social services for low-income seniors at risk of losing their independence at home.

Dr. Ikeda's passion and commitment resonated in his work and will not be forgotten by the Sacramento community. His positive impact is seen in the many individuals he mentored throughout the years. Dr. Ikeda served as a mentor to many in the Sacramento community, served on the boards of medical groups and was active in the Asian American community. He was a past president of local chapters of the American Heart Association and the Japanese American Citizens League. Dr. Ikeda was a wonderful public servant, but he was an even better father and grandfather. He leaves behind his son, Steven, daughter, Arielle and two grandchildren Anthony and Anna.

Mr. Speaker, as Dr. Ikeda's family and friends gather to celebrate his wonderful legacy and many contributions, I am honored to pay tribute to him. I and the countless others who were privileged enough to call him our friend will deeply miss him. I ask all my colleagues to pause and join me in paying respect to an extraordinary man, Richard Ikeda.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY STUDENTS LEARNING CENTER (CSLC)

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable organization, The Community Students Learning Center (CSLC).

The Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization which has as its motto: "In relentless pursuit of perfection in education and knowledge." It was founded by a husband and wife team, Leslie and Beulah Greer, two longtime residents of Holmes County, Mississippi, who are dedicated to helping improve their community's education and economy. The organization was founded in 2003.

When they learned that their daughter, Takila, would not be allowed to graduate with her high school class in 2001, they became parent advocates. Their daughter was faced with this devastating issue, because she could not pass all parts of the required state tests.

Their daughter had been diagnosed with Specified Learning Disabilities (SLD) at an early age and they felt that students who suffered from SLD should be able to receive a certificate, participate in graduation exercises, be given a chance to later re-take failed parts of the required state tests to receive a diploma and be able to experience the feeling of marching with their graduating class.

A challenge was presented of their concerns to the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE). They agreed, but left the final decision up to the Holmes County School District. Unfortunately, for the Greer family's daughter and family, the Holmes County School Board failed to agree.

After much distress and frustration with the Holmes County School System and the Holmes County School Board, they allowed God to minister to their heart for healing. They

later realized that things happen for a reason and that what happened to their family was predestined. It was at that moment that they made a vow to help others in a way that the school district was unable to help Takila, their daughter.

Thus, the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) was born in their hearts and minds. They became desperate parents who wanted to save other families from the pain and ridicule their family suffered.

Today, the Community Students Learning Center now has a great working relationship with the Holmes County School Board, Superintendent, teachers and staff. They have even been blessed with the opportunity to serve as a team monitor member for the MDE Office of Special Education where they have traveled across the state educating parents regarding their rights and laws as it relates to their child/children with special needs.

Throughout the difficult ordeals that Beulah faced, her husband, Leslie, was a "strong tower" for her. He encouraged her to move forward and allow God to direct her path. God has blessed their bud of an idea to blossom into a full blown, yet still growing, non-profit organization that is positively impacting the lives of many families. The idea began as an effort to assist at-risk students who could not pass the state mandated tests, but now the vision has expanded to include many more programs and services.

The Mission for the Community Students Learning Center is to promote community and educational change, by providing state-of-the-art leadership development and personal improvement opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) for their dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

IN MEMORY OF OV SMITH

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the loss of my dear friend OV Smith, who died on March 14th at the age of 99. I had the pleasure of knowing OV for more than 30 years. We became friends while I served in the California State Assembly and she was working to educate members of the Assembly about the needs of persons with developmental disabilities.

OV Smith dedicated her life to caring for the developmentally disabled. For more than 40 years, she welcomed them into her home while also taking them to church on Sundays, traveling with them on cruises and other trips, and accompanying them to activities in the community. OV founded several organizations in Los Angeles. She helped these groups to initiate public policy through the legislative process and educate caregivers on how to care for and develop their clients.

In 1970, Ms. Smith founded OV's Willing Workers for the Mentally Retarded, which pro-

vides day care, social development and educational services to developmentally disabled persons. This was the first organization of its kind in California that provided extensive and comprehensive services.

She also founded the Society of California Care Home Operators (SOCCO), which trains caregivers and connects them with the legislative process so they can acquaint themselves with the law and become advocates for the developmentally disabled. Finally, OV helped found the South Central Los Angeles Regional Center (SCLARC), which contracts with the State of California to coordinate services for the developmentally disabled.

Her courage to confront the establishment, knowledge of the law, and commitment to initiate change gained the respect of lawmakers, agency officials, and the overall community. She had been recognized by many organizations and sought out for her insights. Her motto "These are God's people, and we are responsible for them" bespoke the true heart she put into advocating for people with developmental disabilities.

OV Smith will be sorely missed by everyone who was touched by her graciousness. We all benefitted from her commitment, vision, and caring heart. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends during this difficult time.

CONGRATULATING DENNIS MARKOWITZ

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give the heartiest congratulations to Dennis I. Markowitz on being named Person of the Year by the Feasterville Business Association. This honor recognizes his many years of outstanding service to the Feasterville Business Association, as a motivator, officer and current treasurer. A tax accountant and founding partner in the Financial Group Plus Companies, he marks his 50th year as a tax accountant. Dennis Markowitz' many endeavors, both personal and professional, include his honorable service in the United States Army, and also as vice president of the Bucks-Mont Chapter of the Society of Tax and Accounting Partners and educator who has been recognized for his volunteer work by the U.S. International Revenue Service. Throughout his years of community service on many different levels, Dennis Markowitz has set an outstanding example for others to follow and this recognition comes with sincere wishes for a continuation of service and fellowship, health and happiness.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I intended to vote "no", but was recorded

as having voted "yes", on H.R. 2824 (rollcall 141), which would overturn Reagan-era protections for streams and communities in Appalachia. I would like the record to reflect my strong opposition to H.R. 2824.

HONORING THE REDLINERS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable organization, the Redliners.

The Redliners is a bike club that was established in 1996. They share a strong family bond and chemistry, spreading across 12 states.

The Redliners' objectives are:

To bring together individuals who share the common interest of motorcycle riding;

To provide an organized environment around which its members may enjoy well-coordinated events without regards to politics, religion, race, sex or creed;

To encourage good riding habits, promote the interests of its members, keep members aware of motorcyclist rights and issues, and sponsor and participate in charitable events and/or affairs;

To foster a network of communication and a better understanding between various motorcycle and non-motorcycle enthusiast; and

To fulfill these objectives the chapter functions shall incorporate both social and information aspects.

The Redliners in Greenville, Mississippi chooses a foundation every year to sponsor a charity ride. They have done charity rides for the Fannie Lou Hamer Foundation, Boys and Girls Club and Our House, Inc.

The Redliners have participated in numerous community services activities, such as handing out candy at the Boys and Girls Club for Halloween. Also, Make A Wish Foundation contacted Redliners for 16 year old, Freddie Green, of Greenville, Mississippi, who is fighting Leukemia. Freddie's wish was to spend time with the Redliners and eat at a restaurant called Frost Top. The Redliners road motorcycles to Belzoni, Mississippi to meet Freddie as he was coming home from the hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. They brought Freddie to Greenville on the motorcycle and he was overjoyed.

Furthermore, the Redliners have adopted a highway in honor of their member, Victor Anderson, who is also known as "Red Angel". They cleaned up Highway 82 in his honor. The Redliners have done other things like, donating turkeys to nursing homes for Thanksgiving and participating in different toy drives. They are always looking for a way to give back to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Redliners for their dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE ONGOING
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREEK
AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS ON A
UNIFIED CYPRUS

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the importance of the ongoing negotiations in Cyprus between Greek and Turkish Cypriots that would bring about a peaceful resolution to the dispute on a unified Cyprus. On February 24, 2014, Greek Cypriot negotiator, Andreas Mavroyiannis, and his Turkish Cypriot counterpart, Kudret Ozersay, resumed talks in what the United Nations has deemed as "substantive discussions." This is promising news and it is my hope that these talks will mark the first, new steps toward a final settlement that will achieve a unified Cyprus.

The Republic of Cyprus has endured a long history of ethnic and religious battles between Greek and Turkish Cypriots. While Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities remain divided, with the latter isolated from the international community, a unified Cyprus has much to offer to the region and global community. A peacefully unified Cyprus would see increased tourism, exchanges of close culture ties, expanded trade opportunities, and a new and stable source of energy. Additionally, a unified Cyprus would create a state and society that protects the rights of all its citizens and help establish a sound government that reflects its rightful place in Europe.

During a phone call with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, President Barack Obama thanked the Prime Minister for his role in reviving negotiations. Turkey's leadership in bringing this conflict to an end is welcomed during this time of heightened intensity in the region. Any resolution agreed to should emulate the UN mission in Cyprus' declaration that a settlement "will be based on a bi-communal, bizonal federation with political equality." I ask my colleagues to join me in encouraging both parties to see past the roadblocks that have held back progress and redouble their efforts as they move forward on a solution. Likewise, I hope the Obama Administration will continue to use its influence to push for a swift resolution on the Cyprus question.

I stand with all Cypriots—in both communities—who seek to build a better Cyprus together.

HONORING PETER AND LISA
VERNIERO FOR THEIR PUBLIC
SERVICE

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated public service of Lisa and Peter Verniero, the 2014 honorees of the SAFE in Hunterdon Evening of Awareness.

I have known the Vernieros for a generation and I can attest that their recognition as the SAFE in Hunterdon Evening of Awareness honorees is well-earned. Together, Lisa and Peter have a remarkable tenure of service to

Hunterdon County and the State of New Jersey.

Lisa is a devoted advocate for those who benefit from the mission of SAFE in Hunterdon. She is a thoughtful, caring and determined leader who has helped craft and sustain SAFE in Hunterdon as well as a generous benefactor, fundraiser and organizer to help provide the resources for this success.

Peter is a public servant whose tenure as New Jersey State Attorney General and Justice of the State Supreme Court was marked with dedication to serving all of our residents, including those most in need. His efforts to protect children and victims of crime and sexual abuse were landmark examples of good judgment, important public policy and justice under the law. Peter also recently served on the New Jersey SAFE Task Force on Gun Protection, Addiction, Mental Health and Families that examined the root causes of violence and made recommendations to help improve the situation.

Lisa and Peter are committed to doing their part to break the cycle of abuse and empower survivors, their families and all victims of crime through the support networks that have helped construct. Their advocacy is just one example of the fine public servants who support SAFE in Hunterdon and the community of compassion that exists for those who need it most.

IN SUPPORT OF "NATIONAL DE-
VELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AWARENESS MONTH"

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 27th observance of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

Developmental disabilities may be visible or invisible and range from physical impairment that involves vision or mobility to those conditions that affect cognitive functions related to how the brain processes information or how someone learns.

Developmental disabilities include: autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and other developmental delays have increased, requiring more health and education services.

Everyone is on a continuum that moves us from ability to disability in one aspect or another. Through age, accidents, or illness, the healthy can become disabled.

Developmental disabilities are a group of conditions due to impairment in physical, learning, language, or behavior areas that are recognized in children from birth until age 22.

The effects of development disabilities will last a lifetime.

From birth to 5 years, a child should reach milestones in how they play, learn, speak, act and move.

Tracking a child's development for signs that they are not reaching key milestones in development is critical for early diagnosis and interventions that can help children.

People with developmental disabilities have problems with language, mobility, learning, self-help, and independent living.

About one in six children in the U.S. have one or more developmental disabilities or other developmental delays.

A Center for Disease Control study of 119,367 children aged 3–17 found that boys had a higher prevalence for a certain developmental disabilities when compared with girls.

In the CDC study, parents or legal guardians were asked if their child had: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), autism, blindness, cerebral palsy, moderate to profound hearing loss, intellectual disability, learning disorders, seizures, stuttering/stammering, and other developmental delay.

Hispanic children had the lowest prevalence of developmental disabilities when compared with non-Hispanic white and black children.

Prevalence of any developmental disability increased from 12.84 percent to 15.04 percent over the past 12 years. Autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and other developmental delays increased, whereas hearing loss showed a significant decline.

When developmental disabilities go misdiagnosed, undiagnosed, or untreated the capacity of our nation's children to reach their full potential is undermined.

The prevalence of any Developmental Disability in 1997–2008 was 13.87 percent. Prevalence of learning disabilities was 7.66 percent; prevalence of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) was 6.69 percent; prevalence of other developmental delay was 3.65 percent; and, prevalence of autism was 0.47 percent.

Over the last 12 years: Developmental Disabilities has increased 17.1 percent—that's about 1.8 million more children with DDs in 2006–2008 compared to a decade earlier; prevalence of autism increased 289.5 percent; prevalence of ADHD increased 33.0 percent; and, prevalence of hearing loss decreased 30.9 percent.

In addition, data from this study showed that: Males had twice the prevalence of any Developmental Disabilities than females and more specifically had higher prevalence of ADHD, autism, learning disabilities, stuttering/stammering and other Developmental Disabilities; Hispanic children had lower prevalence of several disorders compared to non-Hispanic white and non-Hispanic black children, including ADHD and learning disabilities; Non-Hispanic black children had higher prevalence of stuttering/stammering than non-Hispanic white children; and Children from families with income below the federal poverty level had a higher prevalence of Developmental Disorders.

Mr. Speaker, much progress has been made in the 27 years since President Ronald Reagan first proclaimed March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

But there is still much work to be done to ensure our fellow citizens with such disabilities have the resources and opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential.

HONORING CLINTON (MS) ALUM-
NAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA
THETA SORORITY, INCOR-
PORATED

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an incredible group of

women, who strive daily to make a difference within the communities they serve. Today, I honor the illustrious women of the Clinton (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

The Clinton (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated was chartered on March 29, 2004 at Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi. Thirty-one visionary women, living within the Chapter's public service area, used their collective strength to promote academic excellence, provide academic scholarships to deserving youth, support to the underserved, educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy, and to highlight issues and provide solutions to problems in the communities where they live and work. These charter members were: Tina Austin, Perry M. Boler, Angela D. Bridges, Sonya L. Edmond, La'Verne Edney, Latricha Ephfrom, Kristie K. Flowers, Limmie M. Flowers, Sherri M. Flowers, Teselyn Funches, Lisa Green, Sonya Goins, Paulette Grim, Ursula Y. Harris, Tomja W. Jackson, Machelie S. Kyles, Laurie S. Lawson, Sophia S. Marshall, Nikita A. Maxwell, Emily A. Miller, Marilyn J. Minter, Michelyn Patton, Angela Y. Perry, Alyea M. Pollard, Shelia P. Spann, Thresa K. Smith, Faith Strong, Katherine A. Thomas, Kenitra Wallace, Elizabeth M. Washington, and Mary M. White. Dr. Limmie M. Flowers was elected the Chapter's first president and helped the organization set into motion its goals for the community in which they would serve. Under the sorority's five programmatic thrusts, the Clinton (MS) Alumnae Chapter has become deeply involved within the Chapter's service area, which includes the cities of Clinton, Bolton, Byram, Edwards, Raymond, Terry, and Utica.

Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement,

Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement are the five main areas of social involvement the Chapter focuses on and engages in. Under the Economic Development platform, the Chapter members engage in projects that include building homes with Habitat for Humanity, hosting CreditPlus seminars sponsored by local banks, and educating youth about finances and paying for college through "reality fairs" held at local schools. Service activities involving initiatives under the Educational Development platform include donating backpacks and school supplies to the Bolton-Edwards Elementary/Middle Schools, hosting career exploration workshops, college tours and college recruitment fairs, and a teen summit developed by area youth. Scholastic achievement and leadership development is embedded through various youth programs sponsored by the Chapter.

In addition, the Chapter has nurtured over 300 area middle and high school students through the Dr. Betty L. Shabazz Delta Academy, Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta GEMS Institute, and the EMBODI Program, while also providing generous support to the United Negro College Fund. May Week Observance is an annual initiative that recognizes the top 10 African American high school seniors from the high schools within the Chapter's service area. To date, the Chapter has distributed nearly \$50,000 in scholarships to nearly 400 graduating students.

Establishing cultural awareness is a key component under the International Awareness and Involvement platform, through which the Chapter implements projects to broaden understanding and appreciation for people of different backgrounds and cultures. The Chapter has sponsored cultural education programs, including financial support for schools and clean water in developing countries. Prevention

and wellness translate into health education programs, health fairs, and provision of health care services for those in need.

The Chapter participates in the Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. The Chapter has donated more than \$6,000 to the organization, including providing very generous funding to the American Heart Association for combating cardiovascular disease. Each spring, the Chapter hosts a health fair in the community that includes comprehensive health screenings.

In keeping with tradition and the political mission of the Sorority, the Chapter is very active in voter awareness initiatives and monitoring legislation impacting underserved communities. Under the Political Awareness and Involvement platform, the Chapter educates the public through workshops, forums, and mass mailing campaigns. Each year the Chapter participates in "Mississippi Delta Day at the State Capitol" to visit with state lawmakers.

The current Chapter leadership encompasses: President, Dr. Juanyce D. Taylor; Vice President, Dr. Laurie Smith Lawson; Treasurer, Joyce Kersh; Financial Secretary, Jacqueline Frison-Owens; Journalist, Katrina Howard-Reeves; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Tapps; Recording Secretary, Wanda Thomas; Sergeant-At-Arms, Lisa Jackson; Chaplain, Erica Towers; Historian, Jessica Lewis; Custodian, April Bullock; Parliamentarian, Luxie Frison; and Immediate Past President, Dr. Laurie Smith Lawson.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Clinton (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated for representing, educating, and informing the underserved communities in their service area for 10 years.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 31

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine creating a 21st century government part II, focusing on outside views.

SD-342

APRIL 1

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command and U.S. Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine Caterpillar's offshore tax strategy.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine opportunity, mobility, and inequality in today's economy.

SD-608

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine proliferation prevention programs at the Department of Energy and at the Department of Defense in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SR-222

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider Protocol Amending the Convention between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation for the Avoidance

of Double Taxation With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Washington October 2, 1996, signed September 23, 2009, at Washington, with a related agreement effected by an exchange of notes September 23, 2009, as corrected by an exchange of notes effected November 16, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-1), Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Luxembourg May 20, 2009, with a related agreement effected by exchange of notes May 20, 2009 (Treaty Doc. 111-8), Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Hungary for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Budapest February 4, 2010, with a related agreement effected by exchange of notes February 4, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 111-7), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed at Washington February 4, 2010, with a Protocol and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes February 4, 2010, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012 (Treaty Doc. 112-8), Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters, done at Paris May 27, 2010 (Treaty Doc. 112-5), and S. Res. 384, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the humanitarian crisis in Syria and neighboring countries, resulting humanitarian and development challenges, and the urgent need for a political solution to the crisis.

S-116

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the "Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act".

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine equal pay with the "Paycheck Fairness Act."

SD-430

APRIL 2

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

To hold hearings to examine tactical aircraft programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-562

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

To hold hearings to examine military construction, environmental, energy, and base closure programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Marine Corps modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Air Force.

SD-106

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance

To hold hearings to examine the General Motors (GM) recall and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) defect investigation process.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine data breach on the rise, focusing on protecting personal information from harm.

SD-342

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of the Treasury's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence and its administration and enforcement of sanctions.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2015 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior.

SD-192

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in rural Alaska, to reduce alcohol and drug abuse, S. 1570, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to authorize advance appropriations for the Indian Health Service by providing 2-fiscal-year budget authority, S. 1574, to amend the Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act of 1992 to facilitate the ability of Indian tribes to integrate the employment, training,

and related services from diverse Federal sources, S. 1622, to establish the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and an original bill entitled, "The Native American Children's Safety Act".

SD-628

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2015 for the Small Business Administration.

SR-428A

3 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army.

SD-124

APRIL 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Food and Drug Administration.

SD-138

APRIL 9

10 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger and the impact on consumers.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education, focusing on Indian students in public schools, and cultivating the next generation.

SD-628

APRIL 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

To hold hearings to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2015 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

MAY 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

11 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on SeaPower

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

2 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

3:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

5 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

MAY 21

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SD-G50

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

MAY 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222

MAY 23

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015.

SR-222